

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Soviet Rail Movements in the Dookeritz and Stendal Areas

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REMARKS

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1. On 15 May 1951, 10 artillery pieces of 35-mm to 50-mm, 5 prime movers, and 35 trucks were loaded at Doetnow railroad station.

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2. On 13 May, troops on eight boxcars, 3 x 37-mm AA guns, 10 x 25-mm AA guns and 12 trucks, partly loaded with billeting equipment, were loaded on a train at Ballgow-Doerberitz railroad station.

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3. On 20 May, 11 boxcars and a troop train at Ballgow-Doerberitz railroad station were loaded with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and billeting equipment, 3 flatcars with boards and beams, and 15 flatcars with 6 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 1 field kitchen, and 8 trucks.

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The train departed toward Mustrmark. (2)

4. A troop train of 10 to 12 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars stood at the Benker railroad station, south of Stendal, at 1 p.m. on 9 May. Each boxcar was occupied by 30 to 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. The flatcars carried about 30 trucks

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5. A troop train and an undetermined number of flatcars stood at the Stendal railroad station at about 1:30 p.m. on 9 May. Each boxcar was occupied by 30 to 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. The flatcars carried 8 artillery pieces of about 100 mm, 4 rail-type rocket launchers, and 25 to 30 trucks

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Comments.

- 25X1A (1) The train which carried components of the 31st
25X1B AAA Div of the Second Gds Lecz Army, probably sent to the Mustrw AAA range.

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(2) The trains [redacted]

[redacted] loaded with components of the 1st Pecz Div of the Second Gds Pecz Army. The loading of a total of 24 AAA guns is indicative of the division's unidentified AAA regiment, possibly the 43th, which probably went to the Mustraw AAA range.

(3) [redacted] the train carried components of the 10th Gds Tank Div. It may have been one of the five trains which [redacted] reported proceeding from the direction of Lagdeburg to Cardelagen via Stendal on 9 May 1951. The station from which these components of the 10th Gds Tank Div departed is not known since no reports have been received about loading operations in the divisional billeting area of Potsdam-Brandenburg [redacted]. The trains probably proceeded to one of the railroad stations in the northern portion of Letzling Heath, in contrast to movements of divisional units to Kolmirstedt and Colbitz at the end of April 1951.

(4) [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 18th Pecz Div, presumably coming from the Wittstock training area. It is probably not the train [redacted] at the Duesedau railroad station on the Wittenberge-Stendal railroad line on the same day and which carried troops of the 18th Pecz Div with materiel, including 20 tanks and 10 x 45-mm AT guns.

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